

## THE COUNTY.

### Road Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be called at the residence of Stephen Kieber, in the town of Rutland, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., Tuesday, Feb. 14th, 1888, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means for completing the unfinished portion of gravel road lying between the canal bridge and Sec. 27, in said town of Rutland, known as that portion of the old Chicago road; and to transact such other business as shall come before the meeting pertaining to said highway. A general turnout is solicited.

### Bright Seneca.

It was Sunday evening—lovely starlight evening—and the coal oil lamps tried their best to keep up with the procession of twinkling stars. In fact they failed so miserably that a young couple who were slowly pacing home from church did not notice a bent form standing under the shadow of the lamp in front of —'s, intently gazing upon a string of banana peels, carefully strewn along the pavement directly in the beau's path. He came on, unmindful of the peril hidden in the coming events of the next half minute. He trod upon the fatal pavement—and when the young man who had perpetrated the ghastly deed had picked himself out of a neighboring cellar, where the pedal extremities of a young man who was apparently trying to kick the shingles off the lamp post, had landed him, and felt of his injured jaw, he sadly murmured—"Who hit me with the brick house?"

The Pleasure Club entertained the usual number of guests at Grand Armory Hall, on Friday evening last. The club, as I have often remarked in public (not loud enough to have been heard across the street, however,) is one of Seneca's brightest stars. It shines in season and out of season, with a regularity that would surprise the Ottawa Boat Club, and with a brilliancy undimmed by rain, snow or headaches. If Seneca gave but one party in a year, the Pleasure Club would come to the front, give two balls a week, and make her reputation for social affairs second to none in the State!

Since Squire Burwell moved his office to the rear of Robinson's lumber yard, there has been a remarkable reversion of feeling upon the subject of appearing in court. Heretofore, the "occasionally intoxicated" might have gazed out upon blowing fields and lovely homes; now, when looking out, as he may, upon the dreary waste of lumber and bare earth, the poor wretch has only a fair view of what awaits him in the yawning calabash, beyond the sentence of the law. Fine prospect for a man who hopes to escape with a reprimand.

The fair, held under the auspices of the Catholic church was a grand success, and has far outstripped all previous efforts. The proceeds will be devoted to the improvement of the church, which has run down considerably for want of funds. A much handsomer building will be the natural result of paint and carpenter work.

Sweet charity, personified in the Ladies' Aid Society, will ask the attention of an ever indulgent public, in the purchase of tickets to a very nice entertainment on next Wednesday evening. Those who attend will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are aiding weaker ones than they. That is sufficient to the majority of Senecans.

The social hop at Roak's hall, on Friday evening last, given by the Fair managers, was a decided success, notwithstanding the attendance at other places.

The Knights of Labor hall at Roak's hall last evening, was one of the most successful occasions of a similar nature held under its roof for years. Thomas, Brown and Harney, the gentlemen comprising the managerial staff, did all that could have been done to insure success, and by the manner in which they smiled (not a damp smile) during the evening, it may be inferred that they were satisfied. Willis' orchestra, with the joyous Seth as head caller, were kept busy until dawn.

On Monday evening the new city hall was opened to the panting and breathless world, and our city fathers sat with intensified gravity, under the roof that had not "sheltered their dadies." Tommy Horsey was, for this great occasion, shrouded in awe and a clean paper collar. He wore other appropriate raiment also, including a whole lead pencil, rashly purchased in a moment of enthusiasm. This was a red letter night for Tommy, and he smoked his ancient cob pipe in delicious joy.

Harry Chose occupied Roak's hall this week, opening on Monday evening to a good house, which fair acting held for him during the remainder of the engagement.

WAXEN.

### The Cement City.

The Semper Idem club gives a valentine party on Tuesday evening. This club believes its name in a marked degree, notwithstanding the fact that Wickham, the great dealer in truth and veracity, is sometimes allowed to play in an orchestra at one of its entertainments. Semper Idem, literally translated, means always the same, and as the organization has given nearly every variety of party under the beaming stars, excepting a funeral party, the name is not in any degree appropriate. I suppose, though, that the name applies to the place of holding their festivities, as they are invariably held in Clark's hall.

Over 550 people signed the roster of temperance at Clark's hall, last week, and the number would doubtless have been increased to 1,000, had McConnell, the great temperance lecturer, remained there another week. Frank Sibley who, with the Herbert Quartette, drew crowded houses in Ottawa, at his appearance there, lectured in Clark's hall on Sunday afternoon and evening. Following so closely on the heels of McConnell, while interest in the movement was at fever heat, he drew a very large house on both occasions. His delivery and subject matter

were excellent, and the quartette is ahead of anything yet heard in Utica.

A Lady Washington tea party, at Clark's hall, will wind up the birthday of the Father of Our Country, the 22d. Whether it is the intention of the projectors to appear in old time costumes is not announced, but if such a thing were possible, it would be very unique and interesting.

Miss Mary Allen West, editor of the *Union Signal*, of Chicago, organized a branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union here last week. At least seventy-five of our ladies affixed their names to the list of charter members, and elected the following to serve for the year: President, Mrs. S. B. Gilbert; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Warrick, Miss M. Gaffney; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. Irene Gilbert; Superintendent of juvenile work, Miss Ernestine Irwin.

W. H. Higby, the beau ideal of our girls, and the envy of all the clerks on Main st., was standing in front of Ira Conover's the other day, when a real nice girl from Deer Park drove up with four bushels of eggs and sixteen rolls of butter, and a request to Mr. Higby to hold the horse for a minute, as he was a skittish animal and might become frightened to the extent of breaking the halter should anything unexpectedly turn up. Higby grasped the bit with a firm clasp of his strong right arm, and waited. The girl met a friend in the store and they began talking about the spring shades in dress goods, while Higby held the horse. They broached off into the chance of Belva Lockwood for president, and proposed to hold a convention to nominate Miss ——— for county judge. Higby was holding the horse. When the girls had reached the subject of ice cream festivals, and one of Higby's ears was frozen, the young lady's father came along with "Mr. Higby, that horse is blind in both eyes and never ran away in his life; me and the old woman never hit him!"

FRANK ELLIS.

### Marseilles

Frank J. Sibley lectured on labor and its relation to the liquor traffic, at the Congregational church, on Monday evening, to a large and appreciative audience. The Herbert quartette, which accompanies Mr. Sibley on his tours, rendered some very fine music.

Terry Simmons' little boy, Arthur, aged 7 years, met with a serious accident on the hill near the Congregational church, on Tuesday last, while coasting. He was descending the hill and a farmer's team was ascending, when his sled ran into the team's rig, and came out second best. An ugly gash on the forehead and a long cut on the back will keep him away from coasting the balance of the season.

The Shoddy Mills' rag shed is on a fair road to completion. When the rags are under cover there will be about 300 citizens who will speak more respectfully of the proprietor, for the bales of rags, sometimes taking up half of the street, were an eyesore and a nuisance to the whole town.

I think, with all due respect to the zeal of former teachers, that our town has now the ablest corps of teachers that she has had in years. Rapid advancement is a first rate thing, but at the expense of thoroughness and health, it is the worst thing that a teacher could inflict upon a scholar. Knowing well what they do know, seems to be the rule this year.

Frank Kee, the Chinese lecturer, has been engaged by Woodruff Post No. 281, G. A. R., to lecture at their hall on Monday evening and during the week. Kee is a bright man, and his word painting of Chinese scenes and customs and attire are well worth the admission fee.

The ladies of the Universalist church gave a social tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Shipman, on Saturday evening, which was well patronized. You can always have a splendid time at Dave's, as all Marseilles folks know by experience.

Those of our readers who imagine that Chinaman Kee will exhibit a tank of unusual size, will be badly left. I understand that he is quite a spare man, with chin whiskers, like Stone's.

There is a time in the affairs of men when all things can, or must be, relegated to their appropriate time and place. In Doc Montgomery's existence, for ten years past his feet have not felt the mysterious influence of the fascinating skate, but now the time has come—the hour is high for the ice is 22 inches thick above the dam.

The principal festival here is sleighing, and some of our boys and girls are having a full share of it. Nothing like good sleighing to increase ministers' salaries.

HETOR.

It is thought that Mr. Dawell will increase his mill in the Spring to double its present capacity. A full trial of the mill has not been had, owing to the low stage of the water, but as far as it has run it is eminently satisfactory, and reflects great credit upon the construction.

Mr. F. T. Neff and lady started today for Florida, where they will sojourn for the next six weeks.

The Marseilles News became a yearling the other day. It is quite healthy in its youth. The lecture and singing at the Congregational church on Monday evening was very well attended, and all seemed to be much pleased.

Yesterday we got the first grist of oat meal. So far everything in the mill has turned out well.

Henry Roath sold his house some time ago to Mr. Stebbins, and last week Mr. Stebbins again sold the property to Mr. Rose.

Miss Jessie Clark, who has been visiting Mrs. Tousey for some time, returned to her home in New York, Tuesday, Mrs. Tousey going with her.

Mrs. W. H. Taylor, daughter of Mr. E. Barber, returned home yesterday.

Waltham Whittings.

We are having about the finest sleighing ever remembered in this neighborhood. The young folks are all much delighted and wish it may last until the picnic season opens.

Mr. Erb has some very choice four-year

old timothy hay which he desires to sell, price \$18 per ton.

Levi Carr, formerly of this neighborhood, but now a resident of Chicago, was home on a visit this week. He is looking better than ever, and can talk horse far better than any man in Waltham or Ophir now. David Nimble says Levy knows more about a horse than any other man in La Salle county.

We wonder if the Waltham correspondent for the *Utica Gazette*, "Volunteer," is related to the noted trotter Volunteer. He's a wheel horse, whoever he is.

Johnny Kinnear says it's a good thing to be a school director, but he is not in favor of the directors going to the school and thrashing the scholars any more. A little of that goes a good ways.

Joseph Dana is prepared to give instruction on the treatment of the various diseases of horses, and give lessons on training colts.

WHISKERS.

### Earlville Entries.

The Dramatic society has revived its dying impulses and for several weeks has been busily engaged in rehearsing "The Social Glass" and the "Stolen Will," two powerful dramas which will be presented at Robinson's hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 23d, and 24th. Secure your seats early for both performances, as the boys and girls are well worth hearing. If encouraged who knows but that many a Booth or Rachel may emanate from our local amateurs.

Other towns surrounding us have monthly, or bi-monthly horse sales, and they are invariably the instrument of bringing many farmers to the place who had not been there in years, but had traded at other towns adjoining, because a better market, or an alleged better market, was offered. These horse sales or fairs, would be a boon to each, and give our merchants a chance with their competitors in larger towns.

George Damon's pacer, "Blackball," will no longer be seen upon our boulevards and drives, for George has sold him to a Chicagoan for a good round price. "Blackball" will be missed by the fellows who love to dilute upon our fast horseflesh to strangers, but it can't be helped in this instance.

Since Sam'l Lynn has assumed the duties of Treasurer Adams' office at Ottawa, he has been in town several times.

I understand that Mr. Lynn is giving the best possible satisfaction to the county, and that he is very entertaining to Earlvilleites and others from this neighborhood.

Miss Ella Barrett, the pleasant deputy at the post office, will be able to attend to duty in a few days. She has been ill, and although I am always pleased to receive mail from Bert, Miss Barrett's face at the window always lends an additional interest to the trip to the P. O.

Mr. S. L. Jenks has grown weary of the bustle and turmoil of our city life, and has moved back to his extensive farm, where he will have everything under his personal supervision.

Will Briggs is now at Sandwich, having purchased A. H. Frank's saloon at that place on a recent date. Several of our bloods were down to the opening.

Fast driving on our streets, when the walking in some parts of town is so bad that folks are compelled to take the middle of the road, and especially after school hours, should be prohibited. Accidents are liable to occur at any time.

A sweet bevy of our young girls put their heads together the other day and organized a leap year party, with the distinct understanding that each was to bag a husband before the party expired. It was held on Friday evening last, and sixteen bridal parties are kept in the dark until Lent.

WILL B. JONES.

### Lost and Found.

The remark about sleighing will necessarily be reversed in this communication. In my last letter I said that the girls were fearful and the boys jubilant because the sleighing was nil. Now the boys are fearful and empty pocketed and the girls are happy as clams—sleighing enough to last a month.

That little blast on the I. V. & N. road on Sunday was almost enough to raise the dead. A great many supposed it to have been an earthquake. A large number of La Salle folks were out and witnessed the great blast, perhaps the heaviest ever placed in the earth in this county.

It is time that the town board was looking about and making preparations to compel a general spring cleaning up as soon as the snow goes off. Disease lurks in the exact places where one would least expect to find it, and when the warm weather gets in its fine work on potato peels, slops, etc., the result is anything but purifying.

What our fire brigade needs is practice. I might cite dozens of old chestnut instances where practice is the only thing that makes perfection. But I beg to disagree. I contend that a little brains is just as essential as practice, and as our brigade has the brains, some practice, although not enough to interfere with business would not hurt it.

The boys did good work at the fire at King's grist mill on Wednesday last as they all spat on the blaze at once, and it fell into the character of a cupid, and as naturally as Squire Trout tells snake stories in Barnes' grocery.

Dave Williamson, Lontant, will start for Iowa in about a week. Iowa, the land of blizzards and beggarly saloon keepers—of prairie fires and prohibition newspapers—of June bugs and unlawful bug juice. Dave has my sympathies.

Elder Buckley, of the M. E. church, was, with his family, the victim of a surprise party the other evening. There were 100 people present and all left substantial souvenirs of the visit, which tended to make the good Elder feel thankful.

Track laying on the I. V. & N. toward Deer Park is in progress this week, and will be completed to that point in a few weeks. Of course, the eleven miles between here and La Salle will take some time to build, as the road from here to the Imperial city does not run over a boulevard table.

Mr. David Richey was thrown from his sled the other day, sustaining the fracture of his collar bone, which will incapacitate him for heavy work, for a couple of months.

Thos. Pike had a public sale of horses, cattle, calves and hogs, farm implements, seed corn, household goods etc., on Monday last. The sale was well attended, and everything sold brought a fair price.

### Vicinity Items.

Sandwich is making efforts to organize a military company.

Wenona is attempting to spread her fame by the envelope process.

The Peru Mining Co.'s mine mine, Jo Davis Co., will be re-opened soon.

Paw Paw has organized a Driving Park Association, and will hold races on July 4th.

J. H. Githens, of Indiana, has purchased a half interest in the Plumb House of Streator.

Tom Kearnes, a La Salleite, was carved in a salmon brawl last week in the Imperial city.

A 12-year old blew a hole through its head, while carelessly handling a revolver, at La Salle last week.

## Wafted from Track and Road.

L. W. HESS, Editor.

Races to sleigh are quite the rage at Fleetwood Park, New York, and they are very exciting, the fastest time made was 2:33 by the bay mare Perplexed. This shows how deceived one usually is in riding over the snow, usually imagining they are going a terrific clip, for this mare can trot in 2:30 over a dirt track.

I ran across an item the other day which suggests the probability that a new worm medicine has been discovered. At the Guttenburg, N. Y. running races, one of the trainers, to make a certainty that his mare would not win, gave her a bucket of ocean water just before the race. It seems the salt water acted as an emetic, for just after starting the mare coughed up a roll of worms that she had long been troubled with, and then, in spite of all her rider's efforts, ran away with him and won the race, thereby causing her owner to lose what money he had laid against her in the betting.

Last week I promised to tell about the new stallion that Tom Miles has up at the track. It is Ignaro, foaled in 1884, bred by R. S. Veech, Indian Hill Stock Farm, Louisville, Ky., owned by A. Wilson Hopkins, Granville, Ill. Ignaro is a very dark bay, 16 hands high, weighing 1,300 pounds, a smooth turned, large boned, strong made, good looking horse. His breeding is exceptionally good, being sired by Princeps, sire of Trunket 2:14; Princeton, 2:19; Femme Sole, 2:30; and fourteen others in the 2:30 list, more than any horse living or dead of his age. The first dam of Ignaro is Olio, the dam of Brackett, record 2:26; made in 1887, by Dick Hambletonian by Netzel's Hambletonian, full brother to Volunteer, sire of St. Julian, 2:11; Gloster, 2:17; Alley, 2:19; and etc. Second dam Olive by Goldust, 1:50, sire of Lucille Goldust, 2:16; Fleet Goldust 2:30, and others also, the dams of eight 2:30 trotters, third dam Grace by Pilot Jr., sire of the dams of Maud S., 2:08; Jay-Rye-See, 2:10; Nutwood, 2:18; and, and nineteen others; also sired eight 2:30 trotters. This is but a short sketch of his pedigree, as space forbids me giving more. Mr. Miles is breaking him and will handle him for stud and track purposes during the season.

In a short time I will try and tell about some good horses that Mr. H. S. Gilbert, has at Utica, Ill. He has some first class roadsters, and quite a few of Brown Ericsson's colts are moving fast. C. F. Emery, Cleveland, O., owner of Patron 2:14 1/2, is having some of his colts worked on the snow at Brantford, Canada. 600 horses are to be sold at the great auction sale of Woodard and Harrison, at Lexington, Ky., Feb. 30 to 25 inclusive. Hon. Chas. M. Smith, represented the interests of the Ill. Valley Circuit at the meeting of the members of the National Trotting Association during the past week, in New York City.

The nominations to the 2, 3 and 4 year old colt stakes of the Illinois Valley Circuit close off March 1st. If you have a colt that can trot any yoll had better nominate him, for the conditions are so extremely liberal that they give everybody a chance to get a part of the money. The distance is two hundred yards. A new feature is also introduced in timing the first three colts and giving them each a record if so desired by the owner. The first payment is \$5. Send on your nominations to W. W. Taylor Sec'y.

It is not generally known that W. J. Neely once refused \$10,000 cash for Ottawa Chief, 2:25, but such is the fact.

Billy Boyce still heads the list of pacers under saddle, with a record of 2:14 1/2, made at Buffalo, Aug. 6, 1888.

Charley Ford, 2:16 1/2, although now 17 yrs. old, is still very fast. He is owned by Judge White, of Chicago.

Parr, Simpson & Groves, of Newark, O., sold their stallion Groves' Blue Bull, 2:26 1/2, to T. G. Knight, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Murphy will begin jogging Maud S. on Feb. 28, and will put her in condition to defend her laurels should a rival appear in the field. Buffalo Girl paced the fastest fourth heat on record (2:12 1/2) at Pittsburgh, July 17, 1888.

Some of the big prices that have been paid and offered for horses are as follows: Smugler, \$40,000; Woodford Mambrino, \$40,000; refused; Pocahontas, \$35,000; Jay Gould, \$30,000; Lady Thorne, \$30,000; Blackwood, \$30,000; Governor Sprague, \$27,000; Happy Medium, \$25,000; George M. Patchen, \$25,000; Sam Purdy, \$24,000; Rosalind, \$20,000; Lulu, \$20,000; Edward Everett, \$20,000; Socrates, \$20,000; Startle \$20,000; Lady Maud, \$20,000; Jules Jurgenson, \$19,000; Gilbert Knox, \$17,000; Lady Stout, \$15,000; Allie West \$15,000; Kirkwood, \$14,000; Election, \$12,000; Mambrino Pilot, \$12,000; and \$20,000 was recently refused for Belle Hamlin.

Volunteer is 32 years old. The fastest trotter in 1886 was Yankee, with a record of 2:30.

Fanny Witherspoon has the fastest two mile record, which is 4:43.

E. S. Muir & Son, of Donerell, Ky., have sold to William Redding, of New York, the bay mare Mollie Wilkes, 6-years-old, by Young Jim, dam Augusta by Allie West, second dam by Erickson, for \$10,000. She lost only one race last season, and gained a record of 2:22 1/2. She will go to Redding's plantation in Cuba.

There is a strong probability of the location of a depot on the I. V. & N., near Lowell, and Postmaster Ward is jubilant.

Farthing Dinners in England. The experiment of giving half penny dinners at the Birmingham schools has been so successful that farthing dinners have been tried, and nearly succeeded. Two hundred and twelve thousand farthing dinners were given last year at a cost of less than 39-100 of a penny. The attendance at the schools has been greatly increased, and the good effect upon the temper of the children has been astonishing.—Chicago Times.

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